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6 May 1955

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Chief

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Dear Frank:

Subject: Expansion of [ ]  
Monitoring

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25X1A6A We have been watching with very close attention the developments in [ ] during the past few days, and have been particularly concerned about the welfare of the [ ] and its personnel. The material which you have been sending in has been extremely valuable and there is very high level requirement for immediate and maximum development of this [ ] monitoring in order that nothing which can contribute to the present close attention being given in Washington to this situation will be missed. I therefore wired you and [ ] on 4 May to arrange for [ ] cruising monitor, to proceed immediately

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The objectives of [ ] assignment are threefold, arising from the critical state of affairs in [ ] and from the uncertain state of our current knowledge of Indochinese transmissions:

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25X1A7B a. To provide information enabling the Chief, [ ] to evaluate the extent of counterpart cooperation and effectiveness as a monitoring operation in the current situation, which will serve as a guide in developing planning of local operations versus the desirability of a voluntary move to [ ] 25X1A6A

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25X1A7B b. To provide information to the [ ] and Washington upon which immediate expansion of vital coverage or improvement of existing [ ] monitoring can be based; upon which a broader monitoring operation could be developed if warranted and if physically possible; and upon 25X1A6A which the [ ] operation would be established in the event of either a forced or voluntary move.

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25X1A7B c. To train an indigenous radio operator to perform the function of cruising monitor, limited to the sphere of Indochina, carrying on for [ ] after [ ] departure and copying morse transmissions or otherwise assisting the intercept and monitoring processes as needed.

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Objectives are to be accomplished through:

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b. Investigations of best technique for intercepting unscheduled transmissions; investigation of monitoring potential beyond bureau established hours, including overnight check.

c. Instruction of indigenous operator in equipment operation; scanning techniques; targets and their recognition; recording of non-scheduled significant intercepts; code copying and monitoring procedures of [ ] frequency and schedule reporting; and any pertinent related items of particular local value.

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Development of any additional coverage which [ ] cruising develops should be undertaken on your own initiative without delay and not await approval from Washington. In my message WA 374 you were authorized to exceed your native T/O by employment of an additional native voice monitor and a cruising monitor. This is to be construed as two persons in addition to a replacement for [ ] who should also remain on board until the situation is clarified.

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I have received your letter of 27 April concerning the problem of securing passports for personnel we might take to [ ] through the surete. We certainly should be fully prepared for an immediate move and I hope, therefore, that developments since the date of your letter may make it easier to secure the necessary passports. [ ] work will be equally valuable in planning operations in [ ] as it would be in [ ]

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Your letter of 11 April mentioning the enthusiastic performance of [ ] and [ ] and the loyal assistance of your local staff coincides with a report which was just given us by an ONE representative who has spoken in most complimentary terms of the good job the [ ] is doing. We are certainly appreciative of the [ ] performance under extremely trying conditions.

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Sincerely,

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